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Marginal Column BY "COMMENTATOR"

"GOING our way," the second statement of policy by the Bevan group, was published on Saturday only a few days after Mr. Attlee's announcement of new elections, and it may be taken for granted that it was not written as another piece of election propaganda. It has been savagely attacked by the whole British press ("another bit of Bevanite hate, said the Daily Express"), but this, of course, does not mean very much as the papers may have been waiting for the occasion to settle their account with the man who called the Conservatives "lower than vermin" and the British press "venal."

"GOING our way" bases itself upon a quotation from a speech by General Eisenhower in mid-August: "The material, intellectual, spiritual, technical and professional resources available to the free world are so overwhelming compared with what the iron curtain and satellite countries have, that it is almost ridiculous for us to be talking in terms of fright and hysteria, which we often do." General Eisenhower has consequently been declared an honorary member of the "One Way Only" group. There appears no reason, Bevan says, to put defense before welfare, and there can be no armament without peace. This, his opponents reply, is deliberately muddling two different issues: the one of defeating Communism as an idea, which is a long range task, and the other of averting the danger of an armed attack in one or more parts of the world.

Mr. Bevan and his colleagues are undoubtedly right in criticizing British policy on several counts. But it is highly doubtful whether he has any right to demand a change of policy. The sources of information regarding Soviet foreign policy, on which he might be able to base his sweeping conclusions in that respect, he might be right in assuming that Russia's intentions are peaceful at the present moment, and this view has been shared by politicians such as Mr. John Foster Dulles, who can hardly be defined as left-wing socialists. But it is an altogether different proposition to propose on these grounds to delay rearmament in the West, in view of the often repeated and never denied fundamental tenet of Soviet ideology—that an armed conflict between East and West is inevitable in the long run.

SOME of the best minds in the British Labour Movement have endorsed Mr. Bevan's views, and the explanations put forward by them have been both plausible and of an apparently compelling cogency. Unfortunately, the laws of formal logic have never been in high esteem in Moscow ever since Friedrich Engels' blasted theory, and those people who shape Soviet foreign policy are motivated in their action by reasons which differ from the working of the minds of the most brilliant Oxford dons.

It is not excluded, nevertheless, that "One Way Only" and "Going Our Way" might have a beneficial influence in the long run, as a corrective in British policy against the "terms of fright and hysteria," just as Mr. Bevan's prodding of the Party leadership in 1951 counteracted the nervousness, Anwarin Bevan (and with him Stafford Cripps, G. H. Strauss, H. Brailsford and others) were of course mistaken in believing that a unity campaign including the Communists was feasible and would do any good to the Labour Movement. But although they failed to realize their long range objectives, they compelled the Party leadership to stop thinking of playing for safety, to attack Tory appeasement and to take a more active line on Spain.

Does history repeat itself? There were a more trusted and unselfish leader of British Labour than George Lansbury, the chief opponent of pacifism in the movement who declared after his visit to Berchtesgaden in 1937, that he was convinced of Hitler's peaceful intentions, and that any British rearmament should be opposed. Anwarin Bevan and his friends will have a very difficult time to alter their course (or go their way) between the scylla of MacArthurism and the more sympathetic Chayefskyism in the British working class, but not less dangerous in the unfriendly world of 1951.

Ridgway Ready To Resume Talks

TOKYO, Sunday (Reuters).—General Ridgway today proposed a meeting of liaison officers from both sides tomorrow to discuss "mutually satisfactory" terms for resuming the Korean Armistice talks.

He was replying to a Communist message of September 20th calling for a resumption of the talks at Kaesong, broken off 29 days ago.

General Ridgway rejected their claim that Allied violations of the Kaesong neutral zone remained unsettled questions. "The cases are closed," he declared.

He also rejected the charge that the U. N. were responsible for the talks breaking down. "The responsibility for the unnecessary interruption in the armistice conference is yours," he wrote.

The message, addressed to the North Korean and Chinese Communist Commanders, Generals Kim Il Sung and Peng Teh Hui, was handed to a Communist liaison officer at Panmunjon, on the outskirts of Kaesong.

Reply Unnecessary
 It disagreed with the Communist request for a resumption of the talks preceded by a preliminary discussion of conditions which would prevent renewed incidents.

General Ridgway said he was

instructing his liaison officers to "insure that this vital subject receives careful attention" in tomorrow's talks. He made it clear he would not wait for the Communists to say whether his answer was acceptable, but would send his liaison team to Panmunjon at 10 a.m. local time tomorrow to begin arrangements for full resumption of the talks.

The space-fire talks, it resumed, will be against a background of thrust and counter-thrust on the battlefield. Allied troops counted 367 Communist dead after a three-hour battle of changing fortunes on the Korean central front yesterday.

The Communists, throwing in reserves, beat off the first attack southeast of Kumsong. But the Allies came back, rolling the Communists from a 300 metre hill — the target of the attack.

On the west central front near Yoncheon the Communists launched counter attacks. They were thrown back in hand to hand fighting or by heavy artillery barrages.

On the east coast front Allied artillerymen, supported by the heavy guns of the 52,000-ton American battleship "New Jersey," poured fire into North Korean troops advancing in a group of hills called the "punchbowl."

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The incident occurred about two and a half kilometers north of the spot where a very similar attack which took the lives of two Public Works Department workers, occurred on August 20.

It is expected that an investigation committee will visit the scene of the attack tomorrow.

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Reports said the young Shah and his ailing aged Premier discussed last week's British refusal to reopen the oil talks on the basis of the latest Persian proposals.

Hussain Fatahi, assistant to the Premier, meanwhile, denied that the Persian proposals (said in London to have contained nothing new) had been submitted by the Government. But he would not comment on a suggestion that they had been "inspired by the Court."

British quarters here said they were satisfied the Persian proposals, though bearing no signature were handed over by the court with the full knowledge of Premier Mossadeq.

Adjourned Again
 The Majlis was adjourned until Tuesday when a number of both Opposition and Government deputies went out and left it without the quorum it has succeeded in raising for the first time in a fortnight.

Minister of Agriculture opened the session dramatically for the Opposition, facing the members with a black eye and an injured face from a beating up by unknown thugs last week. He accused Dr. Mossadeq's supporters of abusing even his mother and family.

Apparently referring to the coming British election, he said Dr. Mossadeq had ignored opposition advice and would now most probably have to

Mapai, General Zionists Agree On Education

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — A Mapai-General Zionist agreement on a coalition programme appeared closer tonight.

An important obstacle was removed when Mr. Ben Gurion and Mrs. Shoshana Peretz, General Zionist chairman of the Parliamentary Education Committee, agreed on a formula on education. It is understood that the agreement provides for a move away from partisan schools toward a unified, state-controlled system, but does not go all the way.

Mrs. Peretz reported to the 20-man General Zionist Executive on the agreement at a meeting tonight.

There were no other developments today with regard to the coalition because Mr. Ben Gurion was in Galilee watching the Army manoeuvres. The General Zionist leaders have not yet been invited to meet him for a discussion on the division of portfolios. Nor has Hapoel Hamizrachi Executive been invited to reopen the negotiations.

However, agreements Mr. Ben Gurion negotiates will require the approval of Mapai's Central Committee. The Hapoel Hamizrachi Executive was also in session tonight.

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Conference Needs Ben Gurion's Call

WASHINGTON, Sunday. — The first National Economic Conference for Israel ended its four-day gathering with a call for total mobilization on behalf of the Israel Independence Bond Issue. This was in answer to a cable plea from Premier Ben Gurion, emphasizing the Bond Issue's "paramount importance in this period of greatest immigration and economic expansion."

Economic growth is the key to our capacity to continue to absorb mass immigration; self support is the backbone of our existence as a free, creative nation," the Premier called.

"If you will stand by our side in this great undertaking, you will have cause for rejoicing in seeing the State of Israel emerge as a free bastion of the democratic world."

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